WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

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# Report for the Month of December, 1949.

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#### POPULATION.

The population of the State on the 30th June, 1949 was estimated to be 532,667, comprising 273,548 Males and 259,119 Females.

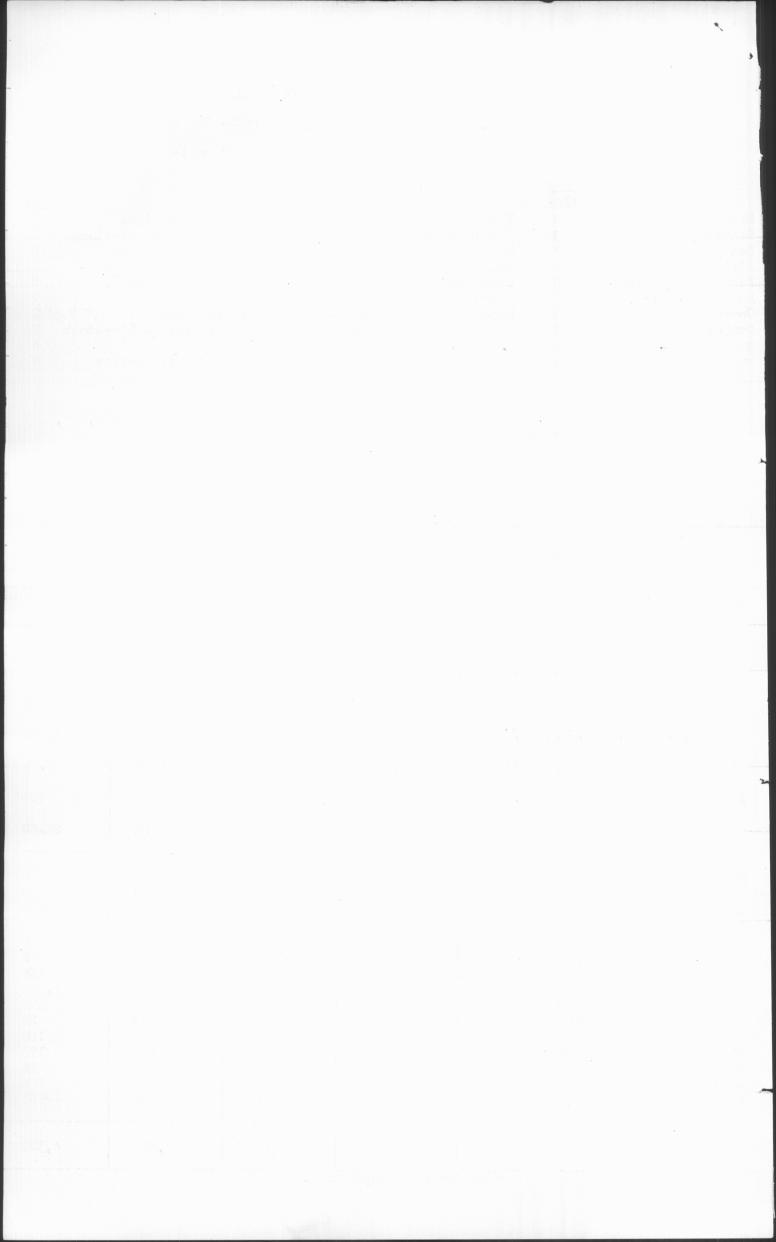
On the 30th June, 1947, the population of the Metropolitan Area was 272,528.

#### MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

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		NOVE	MBER	Eleven Mo NOVE	nths ended MBER
		1949	1948	1949	1948
	Marriages No.	439	482	4,451	4,632
	of Population	9.84	11.31	9.12	9.83
	Births No. * Rate per 1000	1,188	1,105	12,445	11,831
	of Population	26.62	25.92	25.51	25.21
	Deaths No. * Rate per 1000	396	393	4,414	4,329
×	of Population	8.87	9,22	9,05	9.19
	Infant Mortality No. Rate per 1000	36	28	327	304
	Live Births	30.30	25.34	26.28	25.59
	PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH - Tuberculosis Cancer Influenza Diptheria Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc. Arteriosclerosis Diseases of the Heart Pneumonia and Broncho Pneumonia Diarrhoea and Enteritis Nephritis Diseases of Early Infancy Senility Accidents All Other Causes	7 57 2 - 32 5 138 27 1 18 20 2 25 62	10 58 1 1 29 13 115 26 1 12 19 8 24 76	121 608 13 4 406 129 1,393 243 33 164 191 67 294 748	152 576 23 7 382 136 1,305 272 22 159 173 75 256 791
	TOTAL	396	393	4,414	4,329

" Equivalent Annual Rate.

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#### LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the twelve months ended December, totalled 743,544 acres, a decrease of 138,576 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 3,228,008 acres, a decrease of 4,011,157 acres.

#### STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

	Month of I	DECEMBER	6 Months ended DECEMBER							
	1949	1948	1949	1948						
	£	£	£	£						
Revenue per Head of Popln.	2,086,304 £3.16.7d.	2,559,628 £4.18. 2d.	11,194,256 £20.15. Od.	9,708,854 £18.14. 3d.						
Expenditure per Head of Popln.	2,167,020 £3. 19. 6d.	2,098,224 £4. 0. 6d.	11,670,634 £21.12.8d.	10,230,166 £19.14. 4d.						

#### SAVINGS BANKS.

Depositors' Balances on the 31st December amounted to £38,291,076 or £70. 2. 7d. per head of population as against £36,298,363 or £69. 9.10d. per head as at the 31st December last year.

### BANK CLEARANCES.

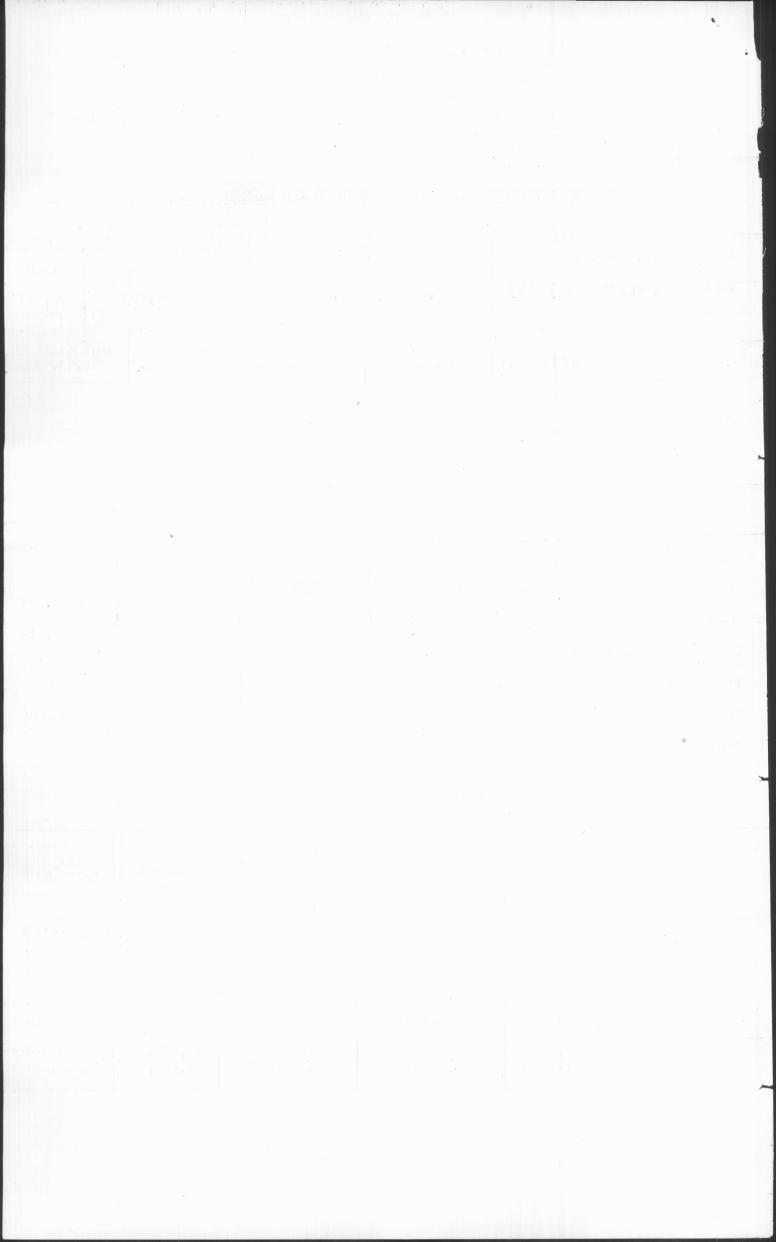
The average weekly clearance for the  $4\frac{1}{2}$  weeks ended 31st December, 1949, amounted to £8,391,720 compared with £6,659,956 for the corresponding period last year.

## REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Registrations effected at		DECEME	ER	6 Months ended DECEMBER		
Office of Land Titles & D	eeas	1949 1948		1949	1948	
Transfers	No•	1,711 1,502,484	1,618 1,025,867	10,489 8,016,427	9,787 5,172,984	
Mortgages	No• £	1,076 1,181,234	867 937,870	6,354 7,193,048	5,417 5,266,459	
Discharges of Mortgages	110.	803	787	5,143	4,860	

## SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE & EXEMPT GOODS & TAX COLLECTED.

		Taxable	Goods	C-7 4	
	Period	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Gross)	Sales in respect of which Tax is not Payable (Gross)	Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
		£	£	£	£
	Year ended 30th June, 1949 Year ended 30th June, 1948	18,522,779 14,870,843	11,694,334 11,013,911	45,148,825 37,726,747	2,085,203 1,812,929
	Month of December, 1949 Month of December, 1948	2,188,590 1,685,438	1,246,829 972,483	4,247,697 3,963,816	219,159 176,856
	Six Months to December, 1949 Six Months to December, 1948	10,689,047 8,880,102	6,531,725 5,776,524	23,845,122 22,086,043	1,180,246
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## COMPANIES REGISTERED.

58 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £2,754,000 and 38 Foreign Companies were registered during the six months ended December, 1949. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 68 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £7,676,500 and 29 Foreign Companies.

## BANKRUPTCY.

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		1949		1948							
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Sequestration Orders	17	22 <b>,</b> 568	42,833	10	6,066	1,396					
Deeds of Assignment (a)	13	38,753	18,270	9	47,453	39,547					
Deeds of Arrangement	downs .	Brest 1	р. Сича		best	e-s					

<sup>(</sup>a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

## TRANSPORT.

The operations of the State Government Railways open for general and passenger traffic were as follows:-

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Gross Ea	rnings (a)	£	525,000	457,400	2,471,300	2,150,600
Working I	Expenses (a)	£	568,617	602,310	2,897,270	2,785,664
Train Mil	les Run	No.	574,668	602,717	2,642,375	2,962,810
Motor Bus	s Miles Run	No•	(b) 88,661	75,807	(c)436,206	368,281
7	r Journeys - Frain Motor Bus	No.	860,874 37,255	976,243 25,331	4,603,553 182,746	5,330,623 121,692
I	Carried - Paying Goods Livestock Departmental	(Free Freight)	234,450 21,467 54,792	215,550 20,588 47,119	1,074,709 71,534 225,736	1,070,683 80,318 246,295
	ţ	POTAL .	310,709	283 <b>,</b> 257	1,371,979	1,397,296
Net Ton Mileage of Paying Goods Livestock Departmental			35,292,386 2,475,757 8,156,223	31,259,004 2,462,615 7,272,526	163,931,679 9,737,504 34,572,353	157,994,082 10,674,201 38,998,616
		FOTAL	45,924,366	<b>4</b> 0 <b>,</b> 994 <b>,</b> 145	208,241,536	207,666,899

<sup>(</sup>a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service. (b) Period covered - 4 weeks ended 19th November. (c) Period covered - 3rd July to 19th November.

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## MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

# (1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (EXCLUDING COMMONVEALTH OWNED VEHICLES).

	ME	TROPOLITAN A	AREA		ENTIRE STATE				
Period	Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Cycles	
	No.	No•	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	Noe	
Year 1947 Year 1948 1949 - January February March April May June July August September October	1,224 2,083  162 166 201 181 235 277 234 285 256 335 473	519 726 34 62 84 95 106 94 53 89 93 130 152	40 63 36 4 10 7 5 11 8 7 4 3	593 824 72 109 91 107 100 85 73 69 113 86 142	2,066 4,036 291 368 451 348 471 415 597 562 533 662 948	1,685 2,483  135 210 292 265 282 191 328 291 282 448 509	54 114 11 10 6 18 14 7 28 11 13 11 9	883 1,376 127 182 160 190 179 112 164 133 216 171 243	

# (2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)\*

MA	TROPOT, TTAN	AREA		ENTIRE STATE						
Cars (In- cluding	In- Wagons, ng Vans,		Motor Cycles	Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles			
AND CONTRACTOR OF THE CONTRACT	the way to the second of the s	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.			
21,968 ,23,389 24,327 25,008 25,035 25,108 25,145 25,273	10,132 11,081 11,183 11,522 11,519 11,582 11,637 11,807	275 335 354 362 367 380 398 397	5,445 6,063 6,339 6,508 6,562 6,715 6,818 6,908	35,485 37,820 40,057 38,226 39,865 40,675 40,880 41,771	34,362 36,453 37,533 32,932 35,892 37,036 37,446 38,844	457 572 638 670 693 718 735 747	8,874 9,622 10,582 9,358 9,956 10,410 10,695 11,079			
	Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars)  No.  21,968 ,23,389  24,327 25,008 25,035 25,108 25,145	Cars (In- cluding Vans, Hire Cars) Utilities No. No.  21,968 10,132 23,389 11,081  24,327 11,183 25,008 11,522 25,035 11,519 25,108 12,582 25,145 11,637	cluding Hire Cars) Utilities  No. No. No. No.  21,968 10,132 275 ,23,389 11,081 335  24,327 11,183 354 25,008 11,522 362 25,035 11,519 367 25,108 11,582 380 25,145 11,637 398	Cars (In-cluding Hire Cars)       Wagons, Vans, Utilities       Buses       Motor Cycles         No.       No.       No.       No.       No.         21,968 23,389       10,132 275 5,445 6,063         24,327 11,183 355 6,063         25,008 11,522 362 6,508 25,035 11,519 367 6,562 25,108 12,582 380 6,715 25,145 11,637 398 6,818	Cars (Including cluding Hire Cars)         Wagons, Vans, Utilities         Buses         Motor Cycles         Cars (Including Hire Cars)           No.         No.         No.         No.         No.           21,968 23,389         10,132 275 5,445 35,485 37,820         35,485 37,820           24,327 11,183 354 6,339 25,008 11,522 362 6,508 38,226 25,035 11,519 367 6,562 39,865 25,108 11,582 380 6,715 40,675 25,145 11,637 398 6,818 40,880         40,880 40,880	Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars)  No.  No.  No.  No.  No.  No.  No.  No	Cars (In- cluding Vans, Hire Cars) Utilities			

<sup>\*</sup> Excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles, which comprised for November, 1949, 134 Cars; 602 Wagons, Vans, etc.; 10 Buses and 7 Motor Cycles.

## TRADE (Interstate and Oversea).

Trade of Western Australia, November, 1949 and 1948 and 5 months ending November, 1949 and 1948, expressed in terms of Australian Currency:-

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	NOVE	MBER	end	ed	NOVEMBER		5 Months ended NOVEMBER		
	7040	70/8	AND IN COMPANIES AND A PARTY OF THE PARTY OF	1948	1949	1948	1949	1948	
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Oversea.	2,858	1,584	11,406	8,921	5,083	4,911	20,699	19,323	
Interstate. 2,700		2,304	12,646	12,526	382	508	2,437	2,080	
TOTAL	5,558	3,888	24,052	21,447	5,465	5,419	23,136	21,403	
		1949 £A,000 Oversea 2,858 Interstate 2,700	NOVEMBER  1949 1948 £A,000 £A,000  Oversea 2,858 1,584  Interstate 2,700 2,304	NOVEMBER end NOVE  1949 1948 1949  £A,000 £A,000 £A,000  Oversea 2,858 1,584 11,406  Interstate 2,700 2,304 12,646	NOVEMBER         5 Months ended NOVEMBER           1949         1948         1949         1948           \$\mathbb{E}\mathbb{A}000         \$\mathbb{A}000         \$\mathbb{A}000 </td <td>NOVEMBER    S Months   NOVEMBER   NOVEMBER    </td> <td>NOVEMBER    S Months   NOVEMBER    </td> <td>NOVEMBER         5 Months ended NOVEMBER         NOVEMBER         5 Months end end NOVEMBER           1949         1948         1949         1948         1949         1948         1949           \$\mathcal{L}\mathcal{A}000         \$\mathcal{L}\mathcal{L}000         \$\mathcal{L}\mathcal{L}000</td>	NOVEMBER    S Months   NOVEMBER   NOVEMBER	NOVEMBER    S Months   NOVEMBER	NOVEMBER         5 Months ended NOVEMBER         NOVEMBER         5 Months end end NOVEMBER           1949         1948         1949         1948         1949         1948         1949           \$\mathcal{L}\mathcal{A}000         \$\mathcal{L}\mathcal{L}000         \$\mathcal{L}\mathcal{L}000	

#### BUILDING ACTIVITY.

Note: These tables supersede particulars published in previous reports of Building Permits issued by Local Authorities.

## (1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

Period	Owner- Built		llings  By Contractors  etc. (a)		Factories		Other		Total		
	No.	Value	Nc.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	Nos	Value	
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Year 1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527	
Year 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880	
Year 1948	514	346	2,544	3,041	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,978	
1948 - Sept. Qr. 1949 -	96	62	631	765	22	80	53	134	802	1,041	
Sept. Qr.	223	190	633	912	12	35	66	178	934	1,315	

(a) Comprises Governmental Day Labour as well as Private Contractor operations and includes Shop Dwellings and other Residentials, excluded from table (2) hereunder.

## (2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION.

(Including Owner-Built Homes).

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Period	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other Material		Total			
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	Nos	Value		
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Year 1946 Year 1947 Year 1948	578 1,114 1,252	640 1,365 1,715	186 257 326	140 196 249	373 966 1,436	296 862 1,348	227 62 29	172 47 22	1,364 2,399 3.043	1,248 2,470 3,334		
1948 - Sept. Qr. 1949 -	310	433	81	65	323	315	10	8	724	821		
Sept. Qr.	391	592	61	52	385	417	17	17	854	1,078		

## BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

2,285,362 lbs. were produced during November, 1949, and 10,124,200 lbs. for the five months ended November, 1949, as against 2,304,481 and 10,167,824 lbs. respectively for the corresponding periods for 1948.

#### GOLD PRODUCTION.

	DEGET	BUR	12 Months ended DECEMENR		
	1949	1948	1949	1948	
Quantity Fine Ozs.	50,297	57,612	638,426	664,986	
Value (Aust. Currency) &	779,824	620,052	7,962,808	7,156,909	

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the twelve months ended December, 1949, amounted to £844,525. Dividends reported for the corresponding period for 1948 were £836,939.

## RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000).

	F	ood and	Groceries		All Items of Household Expenditure ("C" Series).			
Town	DECEMBER		12 Months ended DECEMBER		DECEMBER QUARTER		12 Months ended DECEMBER	
	1949	1948	1949	1948	1949	1948	1949	1948
Metropolitan Area . Kalgoorlie-Boulder Northam Bunbury Geraldton Collie	1496 1624 1507 1497 1535 1506	1333 1468 1359 1344 1360 1349	1436 1572 1455 1443 1471 1455	1251 1387 1272 1257 1279 1265	1459 1544 1467 1472 1521 1395	1316 1415 1322 1327 1383 1268	1410 1502 1420 1424 1475 1353	1264 1368 1272 1277 1327 1217

## ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT.

## (Excluding Rural and Private Domestic).

Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician.

Month		1948			1949	
MOUTUI	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
January February March April May June July August September October November December	106,732 106,519 107,574 108,141 109,227 109,205 109,375 108,611 109,416 110,240 111,010 111,491	36,366 36,527 36,832 36,908 36,880 36,942 37,154 37,073 37,224 37,592 37,704 38,015	143,098 143,046 144,406 145,049 146,107 146,147 146,529 145,684 146,640 147,832 148,714 149,506	111,653 110,931 112,063 112,671 112,777 113,010 111,190 113,003 113,933 114,603	36,839 37,417 37,770 37,887 37,782 37,928 37,991 38,098 38,358 38,649	148,492 148,348 149,833 150,558 150,559 150,938 149,181 151,101 152,291 153,252

## EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES.

Month	FACTORIES (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100)) 1945   1946   1947   1948(a)   1949(a)					(Ba	ase: Ju	ESTABLI aly 1941 byees = 1947	SHMENTS (9,578 1000)) 1948	(b)
January February March April May June July August September October November December	142 142 144 144 145 145 146 145 141 141 141	145 148 151 153 154 157 159 160 161 158 163	162 164 166 167 168 167 167 167 168 168 169 170	171 172 176 176 177 177 177(a) 176 177 178 178	177 177 178 179 179 178 173 178 182 182	870 868 877 876 891 903 899 897 914 929 965 1012	995 1016 1045 1051 1069 1087 1096 1109 1114 1118 1133 1165	1134 1138 1145 1144 1151 1153 1168 1181 1172 1184 1215 1267	1233 1249 1264 1264 1277 1277 1301 1294 1302 1318 1349 1385	1354 1358 1371 1377 1354 1362 1381 1377 1365 1375

<sup>(</sup>a) Figures subsequent to June, 1948 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

<sup>(</sup>b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.

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## UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.

## (Figures Supplied by Commonwealth Statistician).

	A	.dmittance	5	Discharges			On Benefit end of Month		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Maies	Females	Persons
1948 - Jinuary Feebruary Yorch A pril May June July Au gust Se ptember October November December	335 131 112 90 127 117 133 94 71 63 49 44	4 5 3 4 4 6 6 5 3 4 2 1	339 136 115 94 151 123 139 99 74 67 51	393 185 181 140 125 97 151 114 97 92 61	9 8 5 2 8 3 7 3 8 4	402 193 186 142 133 100 158 117 * 100 100 65	357 303 234 184 186 206 188 168 142 113 101 102	10 7 5 7 36 5 7 7 31 2	367 310 239 191 189 212 193 175 149 116 102
1949 - January Lebruary March April May June	112 72 50 57 37 57	6 3 5 3 7	118 75 50 62 40 64	98 78 62 72 33 44	3 5 2 2 3 4	101 83 64 74 36 48	116 110 98 83 87 100	5 3 1 4 4 7	121 113 99 87 91 107

## STATE BASIC WAGE.

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Date of	Metropolitan Area		1	n-West Division	Goldfields and rest of State		
Operation	Male	Female	Male	Female	Ma.L.	Panale	
Committee of the commit	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	& s. d.	£ 3. d.	
31st January, 1950.	6. 18. 1.	3. 14. 7.	6. 17. 4.	3. 14. 2.	7. 4. 8.	3. 18. 1.	

## ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN ARMA.

(Generated by the W.A. Government Power Station).

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	1949	1948	1949	1.948	
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.) Units Sold (1000 K.W.H.)	20,343 16,814	18,431 15,540	109,719 92,378	116,986 99,115	

## LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
December, 1949	6,417	527	107,196	9 <b>,9</b> 27
December, 1948	7,104	547	144,643	12 <b>,</b> 765
Year ended December, 1949	105,699	5,308	922,449	109,204
Year ended December, 1948	103,907	5,458	1,011,035	120,867

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